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Letter dated 20 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the great honour to thank you, and through you all the members of the Security Council, for your prompt reaction to my Government's appeal to the Council, and for the appropriateness of your response to the concerns expressed with regard to achieving justice for the entire Congolese nation and its people, who for nearly four years now have been enduring a terrible war of aggression which they did not start.

My Government would like to inform you that, in implementation of the relevant provisions of Security Council resolution 1399 (2002) of 19 March 2002, and particularly paragraph 10, it has decided to resume its participation in the inter-Congolese dialogue, thereby reaffirming its confidence in the constant efforts which the Council is making with a view to the restoration of peace in the Great Lakes region in general, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo in particular.

My Government remains convinced that the Security Council will be able to demand from the other warring parties, particularly Rwanda and the Rassemblement Congolais pour la Démocratie (RCD)/Goma, strict respect for resolution 1399 (2002).

My Government would be grateful if the Security Council could ensure that the resolution is implemented in a non-discriminatory manner, in other words, that the resumption of my Government's participation in the work of the inter-Congolese dialogue coincides with the withdrawal of the Rwandan troops from Moliro and Pwete, the implementation of the Kampala plan and the Harare sub-plans for disengagement and redeployment, the demilitarization of the town of Kisangani and the establishment of a neutral environment in Kindu in order to facilitate the operations of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC).

I request you to have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ileka **Atoki**
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